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In re Application of
Fred E. Stanke et al
Application No. 09/533,613
Filed: March 22, 2000
Attorney Docket No. 21964-708

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed July 6, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.313^(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on February 4, 2005 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Additionally, in view of the paper entitled "Loss Of Entitlement To Small Entity Status 37 CFR § 1.28(b)", filed July 6, 2005, this application no longer qualifies for small entity status. Therefore, all future fees must be paid at the large entity rate.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

The examiner of Technology Center AU 2877 will consider the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

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¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTO-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).